



## **GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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## **GEORGIA DOT ANNOUNCES AUGUSTA'S I-20/I-520 INTERCHANGE OPEN 9 MONTHS EARLY; I-20 WIDENING PROJECT OPENS ON SCHEDULE**

AUGUSTA –The new reconstructed Interstate 20/Interstate 520 interchange is open to traffic nine months ahead of schedule. “Delivering such a project in Augusta requires a tremendous collaborative effort by Georgia DOT; Federal Highway Administration; Augusta Regional Transportation Study; Richmond and Columbia Counties; joint venture contractors, Scott Bridge Company, Inc. and United Contractors, Inc.; utility companies; neighborhoods and the thousands of motorists who have been disrupted on a daily basis for more than two years,” said Georgia DOT Commissioner Vance C. Smith, Jr.

Work on the \$191.9 million interchange reconstruction project began June 2007 and had a July 31, 2010 contract completion date. The project, awarded April 25, 2007, included replacing the old cloverleaf I-20/I-520 interchange with two flyover ramps; 6.25 miles of widening of I-20 beginning at Belair Road; collector-distributor lanes; a newly reconstructed Wheeler Road/I-520 interchange, a grade separated interchange on Bobby Jones Expressway at Scott Nixon Memorial Boulevard and sound barrier walls at various locations.

Additionally, GA DOT announces that another Richmond County project, the I-20 reconstruction and widening project, was completed on time. The \$51.6 million project, awarded to The Lane Construction Corporation on July 30, 2007, had a contract completion date of October 31, 2009. Work began on August 13, 2007 on this project, widening I-20 to three lanes, from Warren Road to the Augusta Canal, and included new bridges over Washington Road and Riverwatch Parkway,

GA DOT, Scott Bridge Company, Inc., United Contractors, Inc and The Lane Corporation celebrate(d) the completion of these two projects by hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony today at the entrance to the I-520 flyover.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is committed to providing a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia's economy and is sensitive to both its citizens and its environment. Additional transportation revenues are imperative to grow and sustain Georgia's economic vitality and quality of life through the 21st Century. Georgia is the 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest-growing state in the nation, yet 49<sup>th</sup> in per capita spending on transportation. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our Web site ([www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov)).

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